



**DVFA Officers meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**  
**Farmington (Sta. 47)**  
**18:30 hours**

**DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President Anthony Guzzo	( X )	New Castle Director (Vacant)	( )
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Joe Zeroles	( X )	New Castle Director Wally Poppe	( )
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ted Walius	( X )	Kent Director Glenn Gillespie	( X )
Secretary Elmer Steele	( X )	Kent Director Ken Ryder	( X )
Treasurer Allen Metheny	( X )	Sussex Clay Yocum	( X )
Executive Manager Warren Jones	( X )	Sussex Director Steven Deery	( X )
		Past Pres./Director Charles Boyer	( X )

Also in attendance;

LADVFA 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Mary Francis Eisenbrey	Mutual Relief Chairman Rich Weaver
Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts	State EMS Assoc. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Jennifer Knox
State Fire Chief's President Steven Maichle	State Fire Chief's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Terry Jester
DVFA Assistant Treasurer George Pyott	

Meeting was called to order at 18:45 hours by President Guzzo. Invocation was given by Allen Metheny. Pledge to the flag was led by President Guzzo. Meeting was recessed for dinner served by the Farmington Ladies Auxiliary. Meeting reconvened at 19:40 hours.

President Guzzo thanked the men and ladies of the Farmington Fire Co. for a very delicious meal. He also thanked everyone for coming tonight.

LADVFA: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Francis Eisenbrey brought greetings from the Ladies Association. If you need anything from the ladies, please ask.

DSFCA: President Stephen Maichle brought greetings from the State Chief's Association. He stated that the Association is selling raffle tickets for a cornhole game board with the State Chief's logo on it. The next State Chief's meeting will be March 26 at Sta. 89, Memorial.

DSFPA: President Charles Morgan -- no one from the State Fire Police in attendance.

DSEMSA: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jennifer Knox brought greetings from the State EMS Association. Their next meeting will be with the State Chief's on March 26 at Sta. 89, Memorial.

### **Officer Reports:**

President Anthony Guzzo

- Stated that the DVFA has hired the firm of Seitz Consulting, LLC in reference to *Financial Assistance in Establishing Methodology for the Calculation of Per Run Costs Related to Ambulance Runs for Basic Life Support*. He will be meeting with this group tomorrow
- Stated that we have received a proposal from VFIS regarding the task force recommendation to evaluate the office operation from top to bottom. The total cost is \$6,750.00 to do this study. After much discussion, it was decided to pass this info along to the task force committee for their review.
- Stated that he feels that we should give Pablo Reyes a \$500.00 gift card for his services with the new office computer/server work that he has done at no charge for the past several months. *Motion by Steven Maichle and seconded by Joe Zeroles to accept the President's recommendation and present Pablo with a \$500.00 gift card. Motion carried*
- Stated that he would like to look at appointing a Sunshine committee. He will research this idea and talk with Blake Bowers, Charlie Arnold and Rev. Wilms to get their input on this.
- Stated that there has been several Officers meetings in the past few months regarding the office operation. Melissa Kiser has resigned her position with the DVFA. She did receive a severance package. Warren Jones will continue as he has done in the past and the Officers will monitor his duties and responsibilities.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joe Zeroles:

- No additional comments. President Guzzo covered everything very well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ted Walius:

- Great meal served by Farmington. President Guzzo covered everything else.

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- No additional comments.

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Allen reminded the group that money is getting tight. Need to watch what we are spending, especially if it is not a budget item.
- Will be transferring \$1.8 million to the pension fund later this week.

Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts:

- JFC hearing has been rescheduled for March 19 at 12:15 PM.
- Held a workshop regarding input from the companies on the ambulance funding and the fine money from the moving violations and the red light cameras.
- Meeting with insurance companies regarding the insurance premium tax.
- Next commission meeting is Tuesday, March 17.

Conference Chairman George Lamborn: absent

- President Guzzo gave the report for George.
- Conference meetings will be March 16, May 18 and July 20 at 7:00 PM at Dover Downs.
- There is a slight problem with the logo that was prepared by Rogers Sign. George is working with Bob at RWM to get it to a usable stage.
- Menus are due by April 1. If you don't respond by then, you will probably get the same thing that you had last year.

Mutual Relief Chairman Rich Weaver:

- Rich stated that the officers now have bond and liability insurance. The lack of insurance was picked up on an audit.
- Association will be attending the CFSI dinner this year.
- Have appointed an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer to help out.
- All mutual relief info and minutes are on the DVFA website.

### **Directors:**

Past President/Kent Director Charles Boyer:

- No report

New Castle County Director:

- (vacant)

New Castle County Director Wally Poppe:

- Absent due to work schedule

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie:

- No report

Kent County Director Ken Ryder:

- Stated that there are about 30 from Kent County that plan to attend CFSI

Sussex County Director Clay Yocum:

- No report

Sussex County Director Steven Deery:

- Sussex Chief's meeting has been changed again. It will now be in Dagsboro, Sta. 73 on March 19.
- Sussex County held their legislative breakfast last Saturday at Indian River, Sta. 80. It was well attended by local and State dignitaries.
- Sussex County is looking at the idea of having our legislators go to fire school for some hands on training. Working with the fire school Director on this issue.

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- The office is now set-up to take credit card payments.
- New forms -- New software has been installed that will allow you to fill out various forms online, add your credit card info if needed and submit the forms(s) with the click of a button.
- Recruitment open houses will be May 16
- R&R committee plans to purchase 2500 T-shirts similar to the ones that were used last year and re-sell them to anyone that would care to purchase them.
- Firefighter day at legislative hall will be April 28 starting at 12:00 noon.
- Governor's prayer breakfast will be May 14 at Modern maturity in Dover at 7:00 AM. We normally purchase a table of 10 for \$200. *Motion by Joe Zeroles and seconded by Allen Metheny that we buy a table for \$200. Motion carried*
- CVVFA President's Council meeting will be April 11 in Lancaster, PA. More info will be coming out soon to see who wants to attend. Since it is in Lancaster, we plan to drive up and drive back on the same day.
- Public Health meeting. Trying to set up a night time meeting with Tom May regarding the food handlers license. There are 2 representatives from each County serving on this committee.

Clay Yocum asked the status of surplus equipment for the fire service. Warren stated that there was a meeting held in early February with the screeners to get them up to speed on this issue. Due to work schedules, several of the folks on the committee were not able to attend. There seem to be some snags since all surplus equipment has to go through the forestry service. Apparently this is mandated by the federal government and has really slowed down the process for getting anything.

President Guzzo stated that Warren is doing a monthly desk audit and will be sending that report to all of the officers for their review.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours

Executive Meeting will be March 8, 2015 at DSFS at 10:00 hours.

Next Officers meeting will be May 28, 2015 at Ellendale at 18:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elmer B. Steele*

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to and approved:            Executive Manager Warren Jones